

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1908.
Partly cloudy to-day and to-morrow; colder to-day; fresh westerly winds.

KNOX ACCEPTS PORTFOLIO

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY
TAFT AT AUGUSTA.

Mr. Taft will consult the Senator as to other Cabinet appointments. Talked with Root before seeing Knox—Taft will pay annual visits to Panama.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 18.—William H. Taft announced to-night that Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania will be Secretary of State in his Cabinet. Mr. Taft received a telegram from Senator Knox this afternoon announcing his acceptance of the portfolio. The post was offered to the Pennsylvania Senator at a conference between him and Mr. Taft at Henry W. Taft's house in New York city last Sunday morning.

In announcing Senator Knox's acceptance Mr. Taft said:

"I feel that I ought to be congratulated upon securing such a great lawyer and a man of such wide experience to take Mr. Root's place."

Senator Knox is going to be consulted by Mr. Taft in regard to the selection of other members of the Cabinet. Mr. Taft believes that there ought to be the closest cooperation between the President and his chief Cabinet officer, even to the extent of selecting other members of the official family. Mr. Taft will invite Senator Knox to come on to Augusta to confer with him. It is Mr. Taft's intention also to take the other members of the Cabinet into his confidence as they are selected and to call upon them for advice and suggestions. Senator Knox has not informed Mr. Taft of his plans for the future, but Mr. Taft sees no reason why Mr. Knox should resign from the Senate before March 4 if he desires to serve through the present session.

The Knox appointment is the first one that Mr. Taft has made public. He said to-night that it was the only one that has been positively settled. There is no doubt, however, that there is an understanding between him and Frank H. Hitchcock in regard to the Postmaster-Generalship, although the appointment may not have been formally made.

In searching for a Secretary of State Mr. Taft has had two things constantly in mind. He wanted, first, a great lawyer and, second, a man who would fill the public eye and inspire confidence. Mr. Taft believes that in Senator Knox he has a man who fills the bill in both respects.

There was another consideration which Mr. Taft weighed in selecting Mr. Knox. He believes that Pennsylvania as a great agricultural State is entitled to recognition in his Cabinet. Mr. Taft expressed his opinion several times in the course of the campaign that there was too great a tendency to slight Pennsylvania because of the certainty of her political complexion, and he feels the same way still.

Mr. Taft had Senator Knox's name under consideration before he left Hot Springs, but at that time he had no idea whether the Pennsylvania would consider an offer. When he was in Washington last Saturday Mr. Taft had a talk with Elihu Root in regard to the State portfolio. He said to-day that he walked around to Senator Knox's house after his conference with Mr. Root and found that the Senator was in New York. He wired Senator Knox to meet him at Henry Taft's house in New York at 9:30 o'clock on the following morning.

Mr. Taft made the offer of the Cabinet post just before he started out for church on Sunday morning. He admitted to-day laughingly that he had had the Senator remain in the house until he had led all the newspaper men away to church.

Senator Knox asked for several days to make up his mind, and Mr. Taft did not know for certain that he would accept until this afternoon. It is understood that Mr. Knox in the meantime has been consulting party leaders in his State in regard to the election of his successor in the Senate.

With Theodore E. Burton definitely out of the running for Secretary of the Treasury the chances seem to favor more and more the selection of ex-Gov. Myron T. Herrick or Postmaster-General George Von L. Meyer for that portfolio. Mr. Taft, it is known, wants to give one of the most important of his Cabinet posts to his native State.

Mr. Taft said to-day that a trip to Panama was to be a regular annual event for him during his administration, provided he can get away. On each of these trips he intends, as on the one in January next, to take a staff of experts who can give him independent opinion on the engineering problems involved. Mr. Taft had not decided upon this course, because he thinks there is any danger that the plans for the canal will be changed. He is prompted merely by a desire to take every possible precaution and to be fortified by the opinions of independent experts.

Mr. Taft admitted to-day, however, that if the time ever came when he was convinced that changes ought to be made in the plan of construction he would not hesitate a moment about recommending them. In other words, Mr. Taft will not, because he has favored the construction of a lock canal close his eyes to any dangers that may develop. He wants first hand information, however.

Mr. and Mrs. Taft, with their sons, Robert and Charlie, arrived here at 11 o'clock this morning. Several thousands were at the railroad station to greet them. The Southerners gave them a hearty welcome. Mayor W. M. Dunbar and Mr. and Mrs. Landon Thomas met the Taft party at the car. Outside of the station the directors of the Augusta Chamber of Commerce, with L. C. Hayne at their head, were drawn up. Mr. Hayne welcomed Mr. Taft to the city on behalf of the business interests and expressed the hope that all of Mr. Taft's anticipations of rest and recreation would be realized in this "garden spot of the sunny South."

Mr. Taft replied in a few words, thanking the crowd for its welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Taft, escorted by a company of mounted militia, were driven to the Thomas House, near the Bon Air Hotel, about three miles from the centre of the city. They will remain there until Monday, when they will move into the Terret cottage, which is within a stone's throw of the Bon Air.

Mr. Taft tried his golf links within an hour or two of his arrival. He likes them, although the sand bothered him some after having played for years on sod. Many invitations are coming in for Mr. Taft to make trips out in the South from Augusta. He has already promised to go to Atlanta. Yale alumni of Savannah are after him now and to-day he received a telegram from the Progressive Union of New Orleans asking him to stop there on his return trip from Panama. Mr. Taft will consider the New Orleans proposition. The New Orleans folk say that they are vitally interested in the Panama Canal and they want Mr. Taft to stop there and tell them about it.

John D. Rockefeller has engaged rooms at the Bon Air, beginning on January 22. Mr. Taft will probably have left on his Panama trip before then.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—When informed to-night of the announcement of Mr. Taft at Augusta, Senator Knox said:

"It is true of course, as Mr. Taft has announced, that I have accepted his invitation to enter his Cabinet as Secretary of State. I have had the offer under consideration for some time and have been persuaded by those with whom I have consulted, in and out of the State of Pennsylvania, that it is my clear duty to accept."

I will leave the Senate with great regret, as I have enjoyed its duties and associations with even greater reluctance. I will leave the Senate with great regret, as I have enjoyed its duties and associations with even greater reluctance. I will leave the Senate with great regret, as I have enjoyed its duties and associations with even greater reluctance.

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THE BOSS, EXPLAINING POLITICS, LAUDS HONESTY.

Quotes President-Elect Taft in Argument for One Man Dominance and Gov. Hughes on Civic Righteousness—A String to the Senator's Precepts.

Senator Patrick H. McCarren felt so chummy and at home with the young members of the Bedford Branch of the Y. M. C. A. at Monroe street and Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, last night that he opened up his heart and for an hour and a half told them what kind of a man, in his opinion, would make the best Mayor of New York after Mr. McCallan gets through Mr. McCarren's modesty forbade him from naming many names, but he did name some in the course of his discourse. Among those mentioned was Gov. Hughes.

President Edward B. Lyon of the Bedford branch explained in introducing Senator McCarren that the members and their friends had already begun to study the Mayorality campaign situation and that even beginning with last night they were getting up a straw ballot by voting for fifteen names out of a list of several scores of availables, the process of elimination to continue in future. Senator McCarren was only one of many political leaders of every complexion who were to address the members before the final decision on the next Mayor was made on New Year's Day.

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While the tariff revision bill to be reported to the House may be passed in that body early in April its consideration in the Senate will be marked by more deliberation. It is believed here that many weeks will be consumed in debate on the measure in the Senate. The Dingley bill was in conference nearly a month and all signs now point to a determined struggle between the two houses over many provisions of the proposed bill.

Whether the House will proceed to the consideration of other legislation after the tariff bill has been passed by it has not been determined. The House leaders may decide to follow the course adopted in the Fifty-fifth Congress, which passed the Dingley bill. Speaker Reed named only the Committee on Ways and Means, which reported the tariff bill, and two or three other committees necessary in order to enable the House to properly discharge its routine business. The House met every three days and adjourned without transacting any business, thus focusing public attention on the Senate. House leaders believe that if this policy is adopted again it will tend to shorten the life of what now promises to be one of the longest special sessions in the history of Congress.

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RAMS AND SINKS A FREIGHTER

THE CATALONE DRIVES HER BOW INTO THE DAGHESTAN.

Both British Cargo Boats—Crew of the Sunken Ship Safe—Goes Down as the Captain Drives Her Into the Shallows—Fog Blamed for the Accident.

In the muck that obscured everything seaward from the vision of the marine observer at Sandy Hook yesterday afternoon two British freight steamships, the Daghestan, bound from this port for Marseilles, and the Catalone, bound from Boston to New York, crashed into each other, the bow of the Catalone imbedding itself in the side of the Daghestan.

The skipper of the stricken ship, Capt. Haig, headed his ship for the bar, but before he got into the shallows the flood that poured through the gap in the ship's side anchored her in about twenty feet.

All of her upper deck was above water, and it was not difficult for her crew of about thirty-five men to launch the lifeboats and leave her.

The Catalone had stood by and waited to receive the Daghestan's ship's company aboard. The Catalone desired to proceed, and her captain suggested that the Daghestan's men should go aboard the steam pilot boat New York, which had headed toward the scene of the collision.

Capt. Haig had the impression that he might be able to board his ship at dawn and with the assistance of his crew patch the wound and pump her out. At all events, he said, he was still in command of her, so that no speculative wreckers could come along and take possession. This was another reason why he was willing to go aboard the New York rather than come into port later in the morning on the Catalone, which anchored for the night near the bar.

It was not until six hours after the accident that the news of it drifted into quarantine. Capt. Rogers of the Ward Line steamship Esperanza reported that he had passed the Daghestan partly submerged 500 yards south of the outer buoy, Stevedore Channel. Later Pilot M. Carr, who was in the Ward Line steamship Bayamo, gave some particulars of the accident. He did not find out which skipper was to blame, if either was, and was unable to tell on which side the Daghestan had been struck.

He said it was very foggy and it was impossible to see from the observatory on the Hook anything that was going on at that distance out. That was the reason the world ashore did not know anything about the wreck until six hours after it had occurred. Neither ship is equipped with wireless and the pilot boat New York is in the same fix.

The Daghestan is a comparatively new steel freighter of 2,116 tons. She was built at Sunderland in 1901, and her owners are J. W. Squire & Co. of that place. She carried a miscellaneous cargo and both ship and cargo are insured.

The Catalone is owned by C. T. Bowring & Co. of London.

At 12:45 o'clock this morning the pilot boat New York, which had the crew of the Daghestan on board, had not arrived at Stapleton, Staten Island, where it was supposed she was going to land the rescued seamen from quarantine. It was reported that nothing had been seen of the pilot boat there.

AQUEDUCT BIDS OUT AGAIN.

Water Supply Board Decides That Lowest Bidders Are Inexpedient.

For the second time bids for the construction of the Wallkill River section of the aqueduct from the Catskills have been thrown out by the Board of Water Supply. S. Pearson & Co. put in the lowest bid the first time, but because of protests made by the Central Federated Union and other labor organizations that the company could not carry out the work for the \$3,000,000 it bid without employing cheap labor the board decided to readvertise.

The new bids were opened yesterday and it was found that the lowest offers were received from Booth & Flinn of Pittsburgh, who agreed to do the work for \$3,805,567, and the American Pipe Manufacturing Company, whose bid was \$3,743,682. The board decided that neither of these firms was sufficiently experienced or qualified to be entrusted with the work and it was resolved to advertise for a third time.

SKY SIGN LAW INVALID.

Appellate Division Rules Against the Nine Feet Ordinance.

The ordinance passed by the Board of Aldermen a year or so ago forbidding the erection of a "sky sign" for advertising purposes which should be more than nine feet high above the cornice of any wall or building on which it is to be placed was pronounced unconstitutional yesterday by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

The ground on which the ordinance is declared unconstitutional is that it operates to take away property rights and vested interests without due process of law or proper compensation to the property owner.

The court's ruling arises out of the litigation that has been going on for some months between the M. Winsberg & Co. advertising sign concern and Edward S. Murphy, the Superintendent of Buildings, over an advertising sign 44 feet long and 20 feet high on the Hotel Metropole.

ASK FOR JEWISH CHAPLAIN.

In Army and Navy—Resolutions to Go to Congress.

The Federation of Jewish Organizations decided yesterday at a conference in its headquarters, 311 East Broadway, to ask Congress to appoint chaplains of the Jewish faith for the army and navy. A committee was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions to be submitted to Congress.

It was decided also to open a class for citizenship. Secretary Alexander Kaminaky, who is a lawyer, volunteered his services as a teacher, and they were accepted.

Complaint was made that puzzling questions were asked persons who apply for citizenship papers and that subordinates in the city departments sometimes made offensive remarks to Jews. A special complaint is to be made about a clerk in the Surrogate's office.

DEWEY'S WINES FOR FOLIO GIFTS.

Special Offer Cases, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.75.

R. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 125 Fulton St., New York.

FIND A USE FOR THE APPENDIX.

Surgeons Hope to Use It as a Duct for Intestinal Medication.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—What purports to be an important discovery in reference to the vermiform appendix is described by one of the surgeons of the West London Hospital, apparently showing that the dangerous, mysterious organ can greatly help a surgeon in treating diseases of the lower intestine. The difficulty of applying medicines in the lower intestine is overcome by using the appendix as a duct.

The operation begins exactly in the same manner as the familiar operation for appendicitis, but instead of removing the organ the surgeon threads it through the various layers of muscle in the abdominal wall and attaches it to the skin. It is then opened, and by a tube passed through it any necessary medicine can be applied directly to the mucous membrane of the lower intestine.

The appendix, it is said, may safely be left open in this position because the abdominal muscles protect it sufficiently.

CAB DRIVERS VOTE TO STRIKE.

Announcement of Time Strike Is to Begin to Be Made This Morning.

At 10 o'clock this morning announcement was made by Chairman Edwin Gould of the Liberty Dancers Association, which takes in cab drivers, coach drivers and chauffeurs, that the vote for a strike of the lower intestine in the organization had been unanimous.

He said that as the men had a conference with their employers at the Hotel Imperial yesterday and failed to arrive at any agreement a strike would now be declared. Announcement of the time that the strike is to begin will be made this morning at 7 o'clock at the headquarters at East Fifty-third street.

DIPPEL DECLINES A DINNER.

Doesn't Want to Appear to Be Relying His Friends About Him.

Andreas Dippel, administrative manager of the Metropolitan Opera House, declined yesterday to attend a dinner which the Liederkreis Society had planned to give in his honor. The dinner was to have been a large affair and it was the idea of the manager's friends to give it as an expression of their feeling for Mr. Dippel in his recent troubles with the directors of the Metropolitan.

In refusing to attend the banquet Mr. Dippel wrote to Arthur Schonstadt of the Liederkreis:

GENTLEMEN: I regret the interruption of your plans. I feel sadly my inability to meet you in the manner planned. Because of the present situation I do not feel that it would be a graceful thing for me to accept the dinner proposed, and rather than be charged with rallying my friends to make what might be misinterpreted as a demonstration in a spirit of rebellion, I am compelled to disappoint you and myself. Sincerely,

ANDREAS DIPPEL.

TO WIDEN 43D STREET.

From Madison to Sixth and Avoid Fifth Avenue Depression.

The Board of Estimate voted yesterday to widen the Forty-second street roadway between Madison and Sixth avenues by sixteen feet. Eight feet will be taken from the sidewalks of each side of the street and added to the width of the roadway. The improvement will give a width to the roadway from curb to curb of 68 feet and will do away for some time to come consideration of the plan to depress Forty-second street under Fifth avenue.

The board appropriated \$500,000 for the construction of a new wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Henschel collection will be housed in the new wing when it is completed.

MALTA PREPARING A WELCOME.

Dinners, Dances and a Review When the U. S. Fleet Arrives Next Month.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

VALETTA, Malta, Dec. 18.—Preparations are already afoot here to welcome the American battleship fleet on January 15.

The authorities desire that the hearty reception be given to it. The Duke of Connaught, commander in chief of the station, discussed the arrangements before his recent departure for Egypt.

Dinners and dances are projected and there will probably be a review of the garrison.

LINERS HELD BACK BY STORM.

Some of the Best of the Boats Will Be From Two to Four Days Late.

Weather unequalled in violence on the north Atlantic in many years is making the stanchest and swiftest liners from two to five days later than usual. La Provence, track of Frenchmen, usually a storm defier, and nearly always a Friday boat, probably will not be in until Sunday afternoon. The lofty sided and broad White Star liner Baltic, generally here on Fridays, will be a Sunday ship this time, and the Hamburg-American liner Amerika, with a record list of passengers for the season, probably will not put her nose into the Hook until Monday morning, when the American liner St. Paul, due on Saturday, may also be heard from.

The storm that swept seaward yesterday will help to hold back the fleet and still further obfuscate the predictions of sanguine agents of the ships. Hereabout last night the wind had got around to the west and at one time was blowing fifty miles. Outside the Hook its speed was much more than that.

RAN FROM 110TH ST. TO BATTERY.

Charles Smith Then Started to Run Back, but Fell Exhausted.

Charles Smith, a lawyer, 24 years old, undertook last night to run from 110th street to the Battery. He ran all the way down and felt so good when he got there that he started to run back. He fell exhausted when he reached West street.

An automobile owned by James Foster of 154 West Fifth street, which was trailing him, took Smith to the Hudson street hospital, where it was found that he didn't need treatment, and the automobile took him home.

Died in the Ring.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—In the second round of a boxing bout at the Broadway Athletic Club in this city to-day James Curran, 18 years old, of 1748 South Cleveland street, suddenly paled and sank unconscious to the